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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

**RE: Bayonne Barrel and Drum Site
Supplemental Soil Investigation**

Dear Mr. Cosentino:

A conceptual sampling plan was presented as an attachment to the Bayonne Barrel Participating Parties Group's (the "Group") letter of May 23, 2002. Subsequently, at our June 4, 2002 meeting we agreed that the Group would provide addenda to update the EPA-approved work plan documents from the 1997 soils investigation conducted by the Group.

Accordingly, please find enclosed addenda to the Sampling Analysis Plan (SAP) and Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP), as well as a new site specific Health and Safety Plan for the proposed investigation. The sampling work will be performed by Quest Environmental and Engineering Services, Inc., and laboratory analysis will be performed by Severn Trent Laboratories, Inc.

As we recently discussed by telephone, in order to meet EPA's target for the data report by September 1, 2002, we have scheduled the geoprobe drilling equipment to start on July 22, 2002. More details on the proposed schedule are contained in the SAP, but in order to meet the scheduling objectives we will need EPA's written approval prior to the mobilization date. Recognizing that time is short, we ask that you review the enclosures in a timely fashion to allow sufficient time to make any changes or respond to any comments.

Thank you for your attention in this matter, and please call me at (908) 735-9315 with any questions or comments you may have.

Very truly yours,

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